

Social & Personal

President Ben-Zvi, yesterday received Mr. L. V. Volterra, Israel's Honorary Consul in Genoa, and Mr. S. Kaddar, Israel Charge d'Affaires in Prague.

The Minister of Posts, Dr. Joseph Burg, has received Mr. and Mrs. A. Rabin, and Mr. Sam Zisman, all active bond leaders of Cincinnati, and Mr. and Mrs. Reginald, Bond Drive leaders of Trenton, N.J.

The first banner arranged by the Women's Organization for Support of the Sha'arei Zedek Hospital was opened yesterday by the Minister of Health, Mr. Barzilai, at Beit Hanan Ha'ari, Rehov Hillel, Jerusalem.

The Austrian Charge d'Affaires, Dr. Kurt Enderl, accompanied by Mr. Y. Ilan, of the Foreign Ministry, reappeared in the Knesset, Mr. Joseph Sprinzak, Mrs. Enderl called on Mrs. Zipporah Sharet yesterday.

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Nation-Wide Survey On Flies' Resistance To D.D.T.

A nation-wide survey of the resistance of flies to D.D.T. is now being made by the Ministry of Health together with the Army, and will be completed in about two months, the Director of the Ministry's Entomological Laboratory has announced.

Flies have developed considerable resistance to D.D.T. in various parts of the country. In view of the possibility of their "learning" to overcome other insecticides as well, the Ministry is changing over to sanitation as a method of fly extermination, thus turning insecticides into an auxiliary weapon.

The Ministry has initiated a fly-destroying campaign now that summer is approaching and the multiplication of flies becomes a grave health menace. In this connection, a survey is being carried out in Haifa and Tiberias, two typical Israeli cities in order to discover the flies' breeding places and to destroy them.

Tiberias has been chosen because the town becomes fly-infested every year, which, among other things, hinders its considerable tourist trade. The flies are also spreading to the Knesset, Mr. Joseph Sprinzak, Mrs. Enderl called on Mrs. Zipporah Sharet yesterday.

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Haga Active In Negev Capital

BEERSHEBA, Tuesday. The Haganah, the civil defense organization, is very active in the Negev capital. A number of public shelters have been erected in cooperation with the Municipality. Schools and kindergartens have been provided with shelters or trenches and residents have been instructed to dig shelters near their homes wherever feasible.

Haga offices are instructing the population how and where to dig shelters and members are inspecting the town and warning shelters. Haga itself has already organized most of its services and is constantly recruiting volunteers.

The rank and file receive frequent lectures, while members in key positions are given more extensive training. The rank and file are being trained in the use of the rifle, the machine gun, and the mortar. The rank and file are also being trained in the use of the first aid kit, the first aid kit, and the first aid kit.

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Foot & Mouth Disease Is Under Control

Jerusalem Post Reporter Foot and mouth disease has been brought under control with the nearly completed immunization of Israel's herd of thoroughbred cattle, the Ministry of Agriculture announced yesterday. Though expensive, vaccination has been found to be the only way of stamping out the disease effectively, because that source of infection is believed to be cattle smuggled from across the border, the spokesman explained.

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Case History of Slow Death by Radiation

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter).—The first complete case history of a man killed by the effects of radiation from a hydrogen bomb has been published in the British journal, "Medical World." It describes for doctors the death in 1954 of Aikichi Kuboyama, a Japanese radio operator, after a hydrogen bomb had been exploded by the United States at Bikini on March 1.

The "News Chronicle's" Medical Correspondent, reviewing the case history, says that it makes "terrifying reading." The case history recalls that Kuboyama was in the Japanese vessel, Fukutoku Maru, which was steaming west outside the danger zone of both the atomic and hydrogen bombs when it was hit.

A few moments after the explosion, radiations began to fall on the ship and Kuboyama was one of the most severely affected. Radiation sickness, which began while he was in hospital, affected his skin wherever the dust had touched it, leaving brown and black scars. In April, a month after the explosion, his white blood cells, which fight infection, were down to only one-third of normal, and his blood cells, which fight infection, were down to only one-third of normal.

In September, Kuboyama's ankles and his lungs to fill with fluid. Pneumonia developed and he died on September 22.

Kuboyama was literally riddled with radioactive particles, giving off cancer-producing rays all over his body. He died of cancer of the lungs, which was caused by the radiation.

After being dismissed for a second time, a total of 281, Cambridge deprived their opponents of an innings victory by 10 wickets here today. The Australians finally achieved their objective with a total of 28 for 0 in their second innings.

A fighting innings of 118 by 21-year-old Robin James, playing in a first-class match, the Australian, 22-year-old Shapur Vatanpour, surrendered to the Persian authorities 10 months ago when he crossed the border and has since been held in army custody for investigation.

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Killed in Bid To Avoid Pedestrian

SAFAD, Tuesday. — A 21-year-old trade school teacher, Peter Abraham, Weiser, lost his life when he ran his motorcycle in the main street here this afternoon. He was trying to avoid a pedestrian, Ya'akov Kadosh. He injured him, lost control over his machine, and was himself seriously injured. He died at Hadassah Hospital here. Kadosh was taken to Poria Hospital.

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MAY 23, 1956	
1000 Shares (11.50)	101
2500 Shares (11.50)	101
5000 Shares (11.50)	101
7500 Shares (11.50)	101
10000 Shares (11.50)	101
12500 Shares (11.50)	101
15000 Shares (11.50)	101
17500 Shares (11.50)	101
20000 Shares (11.50)	101
22500 Shares (11.50)	101
25000 Shares (11.50)	101
27500 Shares (11.50)	101
30000 Shares (11.50)	101
32500 Shares (11.50)	101
35000 Shares (11.50)	101
37500 Shares (11.50)	101
40000 Shares (11.50)	101
42500 Shares (11.50)	101
45000 Shares (11.50)	101
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50000 Shares (11.50)	101
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57500 Shares (11.50)	101
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65000 Shares (11.50)	101
67500 Shares (11.50)	101
70000 Shares (11.50)	101
72500 Shares (11.50)	101
75000 Shares (11.50)	101
77500 Shares (11.50)	101
80000 Shares (11.50)	101
82500 Shares (11.50)	101
85000 Shares (11.50)	101
87500 Shares (11.50)	101
90000 Shares (11.50)	101
92500 Shares (11.50)	101
95000 Shares (11.50)	101
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THE manner in which the Israel public welcomed the return of Mordechai Oren from four and a half years' imprisonment in Czechoslovakia was a natural expression of their humanitarian spirit. There was not too much reflection, seeing that so much time had elapsed, on the actual circumstances of all that had taken place and there were intensely human factors involved: the reunion of the released prisoner with his wife and children and his return to his kibbutz. All had suffered much anxiety and real distress at his long absence and his possible fate.

This fellow-feeling with Oren and the consequent joy at his release are all very understandable; but less so is the desire, becoming more apparent every day, of the Mapam leadership to convert Mordechai Oren into a kind of national hero. This just will not wash and is imposing too much on the tolerance of those whose memory for history is just as vital as their natural human sympathies. The facts do not lend themselves to the installation of this kind of halo around Oren's head. It seems to have been forgotten by those who are busy preparing this adornment that Mr. Oren underwent several utterances during his trial which grossly maligned the State of Israel and its leaders. Thus he was supposed to have "confessed" that Israel was the agent of the U.S. and that it was involved in a plan to use the Zionist Organization in the People's Democracies for espionage and such subversion.

There is no doubt that the support to all of these charges which Mordechai Oren is said to have given in his evidence was extracted from him by the result of inhuman torture and brutal methods of questioning. No man who has not himself gone through such an experience and come through unscathed, can say that he would have stood up to it any better than Oren seems to have done; and despite all romances to the contrary, there are few who have been able to withstand the methods employed in some countries to break down mental and moral resistance. But surely such conduct merits no special commendation and certainly no citation for heroism. There must be sympathy for one who has suffered, and with that Oren and his party leaders should have been content.

But what is more incomprehensible is that Mordechai Oren has now stated publicly that on four specific occasions he adamantly refused to affirm his signature to the statement that Mapam was a bourgeois party. This suggests that on the narrower Mapam Party issue he somewhere found the strength to remain heroically steadfast, whereas on the calumnious charges against the State of Israel and its leaders, some amounting almost to treasonable remarks, he did not find the courage or stamina to remain firm.

No one would suggest that, as a civilian, he now be brought to trial in Israel as was the case with the American soldiers in Korea who uttered defamatory statements against their own country under duress while in captivity and who were court-martialed on their release. But must we go to the other extreme and turn Mordechai Oren into a hero as though he were a second Dreyfus?

The best thing that could happen would be for Mr. Oren to cease talking and for his colleagues to stop making party capital from his tragic experience, and for him to settle down to a quiet and useful member of his kibbutz going about his daily tasks in peace. This is the path of dignity and wisdom.

India's Buddhist Shrines Awaken

World Interest in Tomorrow's 2,500-year Celebrations

By JONATHAN SWAYNE
NEW DELHI (OFNS). — Buddhists from all over the world are converging on the five places of Buddhist pilgrimage in north-east India for the 2,500th anniversary celebrations of the Buddha's birth.

Their ranks will be swollen by thousands of Indian Buddhists who will come on pilgrimages from all over India, from southernmost Madras to Ladakh in the far north beyond Kashmir.

In India, where the impress of the Buddha's message is felt to this day, preparations are being made to honour the occasion and there is a noticeable resurgence of interest in the message of Buddhism. New roads are being built to ease the pilgrim's path to ancient shrines, stupas and temples are being renovated and new rest houses are being put up to accommodate the pilgrim armies.

Gautama Buddha was born in a grove of ash trees in the tiny kingdom of Kapilavastu — Lumbini in modern Nepal — where the king was king. Buddha immediately took seven steps when born, leaving a footprint which he proclaimed "I am the Buddha, the world's saviour." At his birth the earth shook, the sun and moon appeared in the sky.

Lumbini is the main place of pilgrimage where there is a statue of the Buddha, a base of dust and heat through which purple mountain shimmers in the north. An ugly temple today marks the Buddha's birthplace. It is being redesigned and famous wood carvers from Patna, in Nepal, are hard at work on the facade. Twenty kilometres away in an aerodrome and from labourers are building an approach road to the shrine. Other roads are being built to connect Lumbini with the Indian border, a few miles away.

Similar preparations are under way at Bodhi Gaya, over 300 kilometres to the south, where enlightenment came to the Buddha beneath a fig tree. A large peaceful still stands at Bodhi Gaya and tradition says that it is related to the original which grew on this spot. Beneath fluttering prayer flags and from-robed Buddhist monks tend the 400 oil lamps which flicker at an altar at the foot of the tree. The temple was built in the second century C.E. is magnificent but its perfection is marred by the fact that it is in ruins.

At Bodhi Gaya the young warrior-prince came in search of enlightenment after leaving the house and his wife and child. He sat under the Bodhi tree and on the 49th day of meditation he was enlightened and he became the Buddha. The work of restoration is almost complete and the archaeological Department are revealing something of the ancient greatness of the site. The fourth place of pilgrimage is Rajgir where, on the

hill at Gridharakuta, the Buddha sat in meditation. There are Monks, Jain Hindu, and 25th shrines here as well.

300,000 VISITORS
Rangoon, (UP). — Rangoon's new "World Peace" — Rangoon is the centre of attraction for an estimated 300,000 visitors, including many foreigners, who have flocked here to celebrate the 2,500th anniversary of the Buddha's birth.

Burma is also observing the Buddha's birth with the annual festival of Vesak, a two-day international festival, participated in by Buddhist monks throughout the world, to rekindle the Buddhist spirit.

The festival was the sixth to be held since the first, held by the British Emperor in 1893. The next five days are public holidays in Burma with no schools, no offices, no business, no work, and many prisoners to be released as well as several condemned prisoners to be executed.

At Rajgir, the early Buddhist delegations already arrived are those from Communist China, Laos, Thailand, Cambodia, and others are expected from India, Pakistan, Nepal, Japan, and others.

well as Buddhist. Some Indian scholars feel that the Buddha should be Christian also because, they believe, Christ visited Rajgir during a journey he made to India. At Rajgir, an attempt was made to murder the Buddha, and here the Indian Emperor Asoka, the Bismarck of his time, was converted to Buddhism at the battle of Kalinga, came to be converted to the Buddha's gentle creed.

The impression created by the pilgrim by these four shrines, even though some of their beauty and the majestic use of ferro-concrete, is as nothing compared with the impact of Kusinara in the north-east of India. Here, the Buddha died at the age of eighty and every pilgrim looks for the spot from his cremation which are believed to linger miraculously near the 15th-century stupas which mark the spot.

Kusinara is impressive in spite of, and perhaps because of, the air of gentle decay which surrounds it. It is a peaceful place although this quiet is now disturbed by archaeological excavations. Kusinara was in ruins as long ago as the seventh century when Hsien Tsang, the famous Chinese traveller, found it deserted. Kusinara still attracts travellers from all over the world, and at any time of the year there are always monks from many countries, and there are not always from the East; sometimes the saffron robe covers a man from the West and where the saffron robe name he bore in former days was Brown, or Ryan or Schmidt.

The most unusual for Buddhist monks to spend years in contemplation beneath the great Banyan tree at Kusinara. One monk, a Chinese, came here 40 years ago when he was twenty and the local people refer to him as "the China Monk." His home was a tin trunk, high up in the branches of the tree, but he has lost the agility of youth and he will now with a rueful smile, and these days he lives on the ground, although still at the foot of his beloved tree.

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U.P. ARE the initials of U.P. Urzad Bepienecstawa, the security officer in charge of Poland's dreaded political police.

J.R. are the initials of Jacob Berman, Poland's "Little Stalin," and he behind-the-scenes ruler from his resignation this month, forced by the repulse wave that has swept Eastern Europe. This country is ruled by U.P. and J.R. The Polish man in the street was wont to quip, adding: "Write Bismarck" (Poland's titular President) and "pronounce Berman," meaning that the slightest political decision was never taken in Poland without consulting Berman.

It is not easy to decide just why Moscow picked Berman for the job. His long Communist past, his record in the underground, his frequent arrests and prison terms, and his courageous defiance of prewar Polish courts, must have been of any help. Berman's title was simply "Undersecretary of State at the Prime Minister's Office." Later he made himself Vice-Premier, in the Party hierarchy, he was Secretary in Charge of the U.P., a secret post by the very nature of its title.

In all capacities his word was law, and he did not hesitate to intervene where Jewish affairs were concerned, not apparently of any particular Jewish feeling but because he felt he was doing what was good for Poland. As soon as a Jewish delegation reached him during the Kielce pogrom of 1946, in which 41 Jews were killed by rioters, he picked up the telephone, called General Witold, the Commander of the Polish Militia, and ordered him to put the riot down at once.

In accordance with these instructions an artillery unit was despatched to Kielce, and Berman himself, accompanied by high military officers and Jewish representatives, took off by airplane for the town. "You're no Communist. You're a Fascist!" he told the local U.P. chief upon landing at the airport, ripping off his insignia and having him arrested in the presence of the security officers who had come to meet the plane.

The eyewitness accounts of this episode add that at the same time Berman sharply reprimanded the provincial governor — a veteran Communist and an invalid — for not quelling the pogrom. Later, in a telephone conversation in Russian (apparently with the Soviet army authorities) he described the riot as a counter-revolutionary measure which was not intended to stop at the Jews. There is little doubt that Berman saw the pogrom as a danger to the peace, not as a blow to the Jewish feelings.

Another of Berman's interventions must have had historic consequences. Before the visit of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine to Poland in 1946, the General Committee of Polish Jews was divided on the stand which it would adopt before the Committee. The question was whether the Zionists were for stressing their loyalty to Poland, and endorsing the Jewish claim on Palestine as well as the representatives of the Bund and of the Jewish Section of the Communist Party were against anything except a statement that Palestine belonged to the Jews and Arabs already living there.

The matter was brought to Berman for his decision, and he ruled in favour of the Zionists — again not because of any conscious bias but because he was not burdened with self-consciousness from which the Jewish State-

ward stream of refugees and spent the rest of the war in the U.S.S.R. It is perhaps to this protracted intimacy with the security officer in charge of Poland's dreaded political police.

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ward stream of refugees and spent the rest of the war in the U.S.S.R. It is perhaps to this protracted intimacy with the security officer in charge of Poland's dreaded political police.

J.R. are the initials of Jacob Berman, Poland's "Little Stalin," and he behind-the-scenes ruler from his resignation this month, forced by the repulse wave that has swept Eastern Europe. This country is ruled by U.P. and J.R. The Polish man in the street was wont to quip, adding: "Write Bismarck" (Poland's titular President) and "pronounce Berman," meaning that the slightest political decision was never taken in Poland without consulting Berman.

It is not easy to decide just why Moscow picked Berman for the job. His long Communist past, his record in the underground, his frequent arrests and prison terms, and his courageous defiance of prewar Polish courts, must have been of any help. Berman's title was simply "Undersecretary of State at the Prime Minister's Office." Later he made himself Vice-Premier, in the Party hierarchy, he was Secretary in Charge of the U.P., a secret post by the very nature of its title.

In all capacities his word was law, and he did not hesitate to intervene where Jewish affairs were concerned, not apparently of any particular Jewish feeling but because he felt he was doing what was good for Poland. As soon as a Jewish delegation reached him during the Kielce pogrom of 1946, in which 41 Jews were killed by rioters, he picked up the telephone, called General Witold, the Commander of the Polish Militia, and ordered him to put the riot down at once.

In accordance with these instructions an artillery unit was despatched to Kielce, and Berman himself, accompanied by high military officers and Jewish representatives, took off by airplane for the town. "You're no Communist. You're a Fascist!" he told the local U.P. chief upon landing at the airport, ripping off his insignia and having him arrested in the presence of the security officers who had come to meet the plane.

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Arab Self-Rule: Light and Shadow

By GIDEON WIGBERT

OVER 82,000 out of the 192,000 Arabs and Druse in Israel today enjoy local government. Deducting from this figure the 19,000 living in mixed towns such as Haifa, Jaffa, Acre, Jerusalem and the Ramle-Lod area, there remain over 64,000 villagers in 13 Arab villages with local councils and an urban Arab population of 38,000 in Nazareth and Safad. Am, the two Arab towns.

The oldest of these units is the local council of Kaf Yassif, on the Acre-Safed Road, which was established as long ago as 1925. The youngest is Kalamna, a village in the Little Triangle, which was granted its local council just one year ago. All but two of these councils are composed of democratically elected councillors and chairmen.

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